

# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING 05-19-03  
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AGENDA SECTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS		ORIGINATING DEPT: PUBLIC WORKS	ITEM NO. E-1
ITEM	2003 APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE		PREPARED BY: A KNAUER

This is a public hearing to consider a proposed annual Program of Projects for the expenditure of federal transit assistance funds. Grant applications for these federal transit assistance funds will be submitted based on the final adopted program. Actual capital expenditures are still subject to Council approval and will be reviewed once the grants are approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The attached summary shows the available federal funds and a description of how the City intends to commit those funds. This is referred to as the "Program of Projects".

This years program includes a number funding sources that have been made available to the City. The 2003 apportionment for Rochester (Section 5307 funds) amounted to \$1,036,037. This can be used for operating or capital. The State requires that \$447,077 of this amount be used for 2003 operating expenses. The remainder is being dedicated to capital bus purchases with a balance carried over for future projects. Federal sources also included Section 5309 funds in the amount of \$889,725 for bus purchases. These are special funds that are over the annual FTA apportionment. These funds were also identified for bus purchases. In addition the State approved \$467,966 in 2004 federal Surface Transportation Program funds for bus purchases. FTA capital grants such as for bus purchases provide 80% funding requiring a 20% local match. The current CIP shows the City levy for this 20% match (\$385,620) in 2004. (Once the grants are approved and the equipment is ordered it takes 52 weeks until delivery. The actual expenditure is usually 30 days following delivery.

The projects include; 2003 operating assistance, the purchase of up to 6 buses for regular route services and the purchase of 1 bus for dial-a-ride operations. The bus purchases are a continuation of the bus replacement program initiated in 2002. The regular route buses being replaced are 1980 vintage. The dial-a-ride bus is a 1989 model and considered a 10 year bus. The projects are consistent with City's adopted Capital Improvements Program.

## REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Adopt the prepared resolutions authorizing;

1. The submittal of a grant applications for 2002 operating and capital assistance from the Federal Transit Administration under 49 USC Section 5307 –Urbanized Area Formula and authorizing the Mayor's signature of subsequent grant contracts.
2. The submittal of a grant application for capital assistance from the Federal Transit Administration under 49 USC Section 5309 and authorizing the Mayor's signature of subsequent grant contracts.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

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2003 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

4/24/2003

<b>FUNDING</b>		<b><u>PROGRAM OF PROJECTS</u></b>			
FTA Section 5307 Apportionment for 2002	\$	1,036,037			
FTA Carryover Funds from Previous years	\$	-			
FTA Section 5309 Funds / Rochester	\$	498,725			
FTA Section 5309 Funds / MNDOT	\$	391,000			
FHWA (2004 STP Funds)	\$	467,966			
<b>Total Federal Funds Available</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,393,728</b>			<b>2003-2005 STIP LINE #</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS</b>		<b>LOCAL (1)</b>	<b>FEDERAL (2)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
1. OPERATING ASSISTANCE					
Operating Assistance for CY 2003					717
Regular Route and Dial-A-Ride Services	\$	2,425,639	\$ 447,077	\$ 2,872,716	718
2. CAPITAL - Purchase of Up to Six Buses for Regular Route Services	\$	340,820	\$ 1,363,282	\$ 1,704,102	719 793 804
3. CAPITAL-Purchase of Up to One Bus for Dial-A-Ride	\$	44,800	\$ 179,200	\$ 224,000	805
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,811,259</b>	<b>\$ 1,989,559</b>	<b>\$ 4,800,818</b>	
<b>FTA Balance Carried Over for Future Projects</b>			<b>\$ 404,169</b>		

(1) Local includes program revenues (fares and advertising), State of Minnesota and City  
Local tax levy is used only for capital items.

(2) Includes Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)